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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, NATO
SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III AND THE SHAPE ASSESSMENT

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO DOD, USNMR SHAPE, AND USCINCEUR

REF: STATE 91705

1. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT, WHEN U.S. PROPOSES IN NAC AN UPDATE OF THE SHAPE ASSESSMENT OF OPTION III, THE U.S. WILL PROPOSE THAT THE MC CHAIRMAN MAKE THE REQUEST. AT THAT TIME, MC CHAIRMAN OR A PERMREP MAY PROPOSE THAT MC COMMENT ON SHAPE ASSESSMENT. WHILE MISSION WANTS TO LIMIT COMMENT BY NATO BODIES, MISSION BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO BRIEF MC COMMENT ON THE UPDATE, IF REQUESTED. THERE IS PRECEDENT, IN THAT MC MADE A BRIEF COMMENT ENDORSING ORIGINAL SHAPE ASSESSMENT.

2. A BRIEF MC COMMENT ON UPDATE OF SHAPE ASSESSMENT NEED NOT DELAY ALLIANCE CONSIDERATION OF OPTION III. ATTEMPT TO BLOCK ANY MC COMMENT ON THE OTHER HAND COULD RESULT IN PROCEDURAL WRANGLE THAT MIGHT DELAY NATO ACTION ON OPTION III. MC COMMENT MOREOVER MIGHT HELP SATISFY UK INTEREST IN MC INVOLVEMENT. USDELMC CAN INSURE THAT MC COMMENT WILL BE HELPFUL AND PROVIDED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

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3. IN ADDITION, MISSION BELIEVES THAT U.S. COULD HELP ASSURE EARLY RECEIPT OF SHAPE UPDATE BY PROPOSING, ON INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III IN NAC, THAT MC REP OBTAIN UPDATE WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME LIMIT, E.G. TWO OR THREE WEEKS, OR WHATEVER TIME-FRAME

WASHINGTON WISHES TO SUGGEST.

4. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH USDELMC.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION
WHETHER WASHINGTON WOULD WANT MISSION TO SUPPORT BRIEF MC COMMENT
ON UPDATE OF SHAPE ASSESSMENT.BRUCE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED DOD, USNMR SHAPE AND USCINCEUR.

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